Monday 20th October, 2013
Dear parents, carers and students,

What is ahead for all of us during this week? Fingers crossed not much!

Last week we were all confronted by devastating fires. Many of us were evacuated from our homes for a few hours, or for a few days. Some of us raced home from work to be caught by the fire or worst still, caught in traffic for many hours.

No matter what faced us last week, you proved that you are survivors.

In order to support your children during the next few days and weeks we will be:

- engaging teams of school counsellors to chat and debrief students who are affected by the fire;
- conducting class debriefing sessions each day;
- monitoring students’ demeanour and letting you know about changes;
- including handouts for families to work through the trauma of fire together at home;
- writing lots of stories about the fires, letters of thanks to the volunteers,
- caring for injured wildlife (an area the children are really concerned about) along with a few other plans which will come to light over coming weeks.

Parents, don’t forget about sending in an extra frozen water bottle, wrapped in a tea towel each day. Students are encouraged to sip water during the teaching sessions. Also on days where the temperature is 30+ degrees before 11.15am, the soccer fields will be closed.

Good luck to Asher as you start your Year 7 transition program to St Gregs HS. Enjoy your experience.

Well done, Sam on your great run at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival at Homebush.

Enjoy the weeks ahead and make the most of every opportunity to learn something new!

Anne Bunga
Principal
Canteen

The current tenderer of our canteen, JLC Foods, Jenny Cochrane has decided to follow her girls to High School and as a result will not be taking up the option of extending her tender. The opening will continue to operate until the last school day of 2014.

If you are interesting in tendering for the canteen you will need to submit your tender by November 22nd 2013. Your start date is January 29th 2014.

The tender is for 1 or 2 years with an option to renew for another 2 years.

In tendering for the canteen lease you will need to know the following:

How does the tendering process work?

Prospective canteen operators offer a tender amount to the school through a formal tender process which is advertised through local and metropolitan newspapers. The school canteen committee selects a successful tenderer based on criteria such as reputation and experience of the canteen operator, menu choices, whether the menu meets the department’s healthy guidelines and whether the amount tendered is sustainable.

The tenderer has access to and use of the immediate canteen area, the equipment in the canteen area, the 2 storerooms, internal wash room, the space outside the service windows and the wall space on the front of the canteen.

The school year consists of between 199 – 202 days. The tenderer is tendering to open 190 days in a school year. This means canteen is closed on the 5 Staff Development Days, 3 school sports’ days and the 4 P & C fundraising days (one per term) but open the other 190 days.

We have 380 students, 30 staff at Bargo PS.

Access to the site is from 8.30 am till 2.30pm each day, the tenderer is asked to address:

- breakfast service (No lollies/ice cream – just breakfast products) – optional;
- lunch and recess orders – mandatory with delivery by 11.15am each day;
- over the counter sales of healthy food, refer to DEC healthy food list; optional;
- sales to students must stop 5 minutes before the bell to prevent wastage – mandatory;
- healthy lollies are restricted to maximum sales – mandatory.

Tenderers:
- need to understand and use the DEC Healthy Food Guidelines and adhere to them;
- to have certificates in food handling; Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998; and employment screening;
- conduct the school canteen in a professional and competent manner & lock up and secure the premise each day after concluding Trading Hours;
- conduct their own cleaning of the canteen area, including removal of rubbish to the recycling bins;
- not carry out any structural or other alterations to the Premises;
- arrange their own lines of credit with food suppliers;
- arrange to meet deliveries;
- cannot sublet.
- submit their tender to the school on or before November 22, 2013 with $100 non-refundable lodgement fee;
- Supply a Security Deposit ($100 plus GST) if successful;
- Pay instalments of the tender fee each week or incur a 15% interest fee per day for outstanding payments;
- Engage your own legal representatives to discuss, understand and sign off on the documents.

All documentation will be available from the front office from 9.30 am on Friday 25th October, 2013. Packages can be sent home with your children, simply ring the front office to request same.

Timeline for Selective High School Position 2015

- Online application open 15 October 2013
- Application information and forms available in schools 22 October 2013
- Parents who are applying on paper return application forms to schools 13 November 2013
- Application closes 18 November 2013
- Test centre advice received by parents or carers 27 February 2014
- Selective High School Placement Test 3 March 2014
- Parents advised of outcome July 2014

Information for parents is published on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The High Performing Students Unit can be contacted at:
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Fax: (02) 9266 8435
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
**BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

Please place your bank books & deposits in the tin before school.

Ensure you complete all parts of the deposit slip. All boxes must be completed by you before banking can be processed.

**New item – USB = 10 tokens.**

Swap your tokens for as many USB as you need before they run out.

**Notes to be returned via the silver tin:**

Please look for these notes which have been sent home and return as soon as possible, placing the correct money (if necessary) in the envelope and place it in the silver security tin at the rear of the administration block on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning. Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School.

- Year 5 and 6 week long camp – part payment due
- Kindergarten enrolments 2014
- Yr 7 Selective High School applications online

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**You are invited by St Paul’s Women’s Group to come along and make a GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

With easy step-by-step instructions and friendly helpers to assist you, there is no experience required!

Please join us for a relaxed night of fun and fellowship.

7pm Saturday, November 30th 2013
Bargo Community Hall
Bargo Oval
Supper will be provided

Guest Speaker

BYO (optional): Cutting board, scissors, knife, extra lollies etc.

Completed houses will be wrapped with cellophane and ribbon and will make a wonderful gift or something special to share as a family on Christmas Day.

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**BARGO CHILD CARE CENTRE**

**IS YOUR CHILD PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN?**

Our Centre is very proud of the program we provide to ensure children are prepared for starting School.

**BARGO PUBLIC SCHOOL SAYS THE CHILDREN FROM OUR CENTRE ARE THE BEST PREPARED FOR SCHOOL IN THE LOCAL AREA.**

If you haven’t been to visit us and would like to see what we offer, please give us a call or drop in to have a chat.

We cater for 2 to 5 year olds and offer a huge variety of equipment and experiences.

With caring and experienced staff we believe our Centre to be one of the best.

127 Hawthorne Rd, Bargo
Ph 4684 2249

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**BARGO MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS CENTRE**

**Full Equipped Gym**

Karate  Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
Mixed Martial Arts
Personal Training

Ph: (02) 4684 1079

Or try our group classes

**ZUMBA**

Mon-Fri
6am-9pm
Sat
7am-1pm
CALENDAR – UP COMING DATES
Please refer to the school’s website for upcoming events. Look at the calendar and any date with a blue triangle indicates a school based event. Simply check on it for more information and access to permission notes.

**Term 4 Week 3**
- **Tuesday 22 October**: Staff meeting – English
- **Yr 6 going to PHS - examinations**
- **Wednesday 23 October**: Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Friday 25 October**: Milo Cricket Competition Ys 3, 4, 5 and 6

**Term 4 Week 4**
- **Monday 28 October**: Last day for Stewart House Bags
- **Tuesday 29 October**: Staff meeting – English
- **Wednesday 30 October**: Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Thursday 31 October**: 2014 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 Students in class, while parents purchase uniforms and complete enrolment paperwork. P & C Halloween Disco
- **Friday 1 November**: Executive Planning Day©

**Term 4 Week 5**
- **Tuesday 5 November**: Staff meeting
- **Wed 6 November**: 7.00pm P and C meeting
- **State final Spelling Bee – Sydney ©**
- **Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition Principal Meeting**
- **Thursday 7 November**: 2014 Kindergarten Orientation Session 2 Students in class, while parents attend information session in the K1K classroom.
- **Friday 8 November**: 2pm K-6 Assembly

**Term 4 Week 6**
- **Tuesday 12 November**: Staff meeting - English
- **Wednesday 13 November**: Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Thursday 14 November**: 2014 Kindergarten Orientation Session 3 Students in class, while parents purchase uniforms and complete enrolment paperwork.
- **Friday 15 November**

**Term 4 Week 7**
- **Tuesday 19 November**: Staff meeting - English
- **Wednesday 20 November**: Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Friday 22 November**: Reports to Supervisors

**Term 4 Week 8**
- **Tuesday 26 November**: Staff meeting
- **Wednesday 27 November**: Reading Recovery meeting – T Jordan
- **Thursday 28 November**: TEN Network meeting

**Term 4 Week 9**
- **Monday 2 December**: Years 5&6 Begin clean up
- **Tuesday 3 December**: Staff meeting - English
- **Wednesday 4 Dec**: Picton HS Transition Day 7.00pm P and C meeting
- **Friday 6 December**: Executive Planning Day Reports Home Xmas gifts Stall and Raffle

**Term 4 Week 10**
- **Monday 9 December**: Almost everyone in grades 5 / 6 in Canberra
- **Tuesday 10 December**: Kinder; Years 1 to 4 Begin clean up
- **Wednesday 11 Dec**: Yrs 5 / 6 in Canberra
- **Friday 13 December**: Presentation Day

**Term 4 Week 11**
- **Monday 16 December**: K-6 Party Day Stage 3 at school 9.15 games 12 movie 2pm class parties
- **Tuesday 17 December**: Talent Quest Yr 6 Farewell Moving Day
- **Wednesday 18 Dec**: Student’s Final Day of 2013 Moving Day 2pm Yr 6 Farewell Arch
- **Thursday 19 Dec**: Staff Development Day
- **Friday 20 Dec**: Staff Development Day

**2014**

**Term 1 Week 1**
- **Monday 27 January**: Australia Day – Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 28 January**: Staff return to Bargo Public School - SDD

**Wednesday 29 January**
- Students in Yrs 1 to 6 return to Bargo Public School
- Best Start Assessments for kindergarten start today
- Year 7 students start at Picton High School today

**Thursday 30 January**
- Best Start Assessments for kindergarten students
- Yrs 8, 9, 10 start High School today

**Friday 30 January**
- Students in Yrs 1 to 6 return to Bargo Public School
- Best Start Assessments for kindergarten start today

**Monday 3 February**
- Kindergarten start today
Hello there Bargo!

Welcome back to the sports newsletter for the first time this term! It has been a busy few weeks since the last news. We have had Bathurst, with some imported vehicles, the Bledisloe has remained too difficult to attain and the Australian cricketers have been enjoying the festivities of the farewell of the little master, Sachin who may end up in politics in India. Good luck with that Sachin. An interesting piece of information I heard about him was that his mum had never seen him play cricket live. How bizarre! We have great parents at our school who have seen plenty of sport just in my time here. For it to make news about arguably, the second best batsmen ever, just goes to show the power of parent support. Speaking of parent support, just last week there was plenty for the PSSA state athletics carnival for children from all over NSW and in both public and private schools.

**State Athletics Carnival:** With the school, zone and regional carnivals left in her stride Sammy was awaiting a nervous start at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre (SOPAC). I am not sure though, if she was as nervous as I was about the fact that I didn't see her on Tuesday to remind her about her event and her day as the program can be a little confusing at times with semi-finals and finals run on different days. As luck would have it, and unlike the great Sachin, she had her dad in her corner and he, unlike me evidently, had everything under control. Upon her arrival she showed some nerves and justifiably so! It was a big stage, the biggest for 8 and 9 year olds as far as athletics is concerned as they cannot attend the Australian exchange (nationals). She sat in the stands with her little brother and dad and awaited the call for marshalling in her event. The time came and she made the long trek over to the white tent on the hill.

Once there she was placed in her heat, #3, and lined up among the fastest 39, 9 year old girls in NSW. What an achievement, right there before the race is even run!

Sam ran a good race, probably not her best, but came in her heat with a time of 15.77s. She was a great competitor and better for the experience. Her result at the regional carnival to make the final was slower than this so she ran a better time at state which, I'm sure is extremely pleasing for her. When looking at the times run at State, her time at our zone carnival would have placed her just in the top 20 in NSW, but at state she was the 35 fastest with her time of 15.77s, which is still not to be sneezed at.

An outstanding result, Sam! Congratulations on your manner, sportsmanship and regional representation in 2013.

**Cricket Gala Day:** This Friday we are having the cricket gala day that was postponed in Term 1. You should have received a note about this already if you are in the team. This gala day is a come and try gala day to promote cricket and an active lifestyle to the children of Razorback. Mrs D’Onofrio and Mrs Fullerton are the teachers attending on Friday.

Please return your notes as soon as possible. We understand that some of our community have greater concerns at present, so if you have not returned your money and note, please do so as soon as you can, before Friday.

At this stage the day will go ahead but if the fires and smoke continue throughout the week, as anticipated, it may very well be cancelled.

Thank you for your understanding and patience with this gala day.

**Bargo Sporting Achievements:**
Keep the good news rolling in at dean.kellaway@det.nsw.edu.au. See you next time I’m looking at you.

Mr K